

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Randall Palmer (Reg. No. 61,440) on December 30, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. Claims 1 and 19 are amended by virtue of this Examiner's Amendment.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended):

A computer-implemented method, comprising:
on a device configured as part of a security infrastructure to receive messages,
receiving a message;

selecting a first set of security information from a first plurality of sets of security information as a function of a property of the message, wherein the first set of security information comprises security settings that define types of messages that must be secured and wherein the types of messages that must be secured are defined and provided by an application developer;

selecting a second set of security information from a second plurality of sets of security information as a function of the first set, wherein the second set of security

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information comprises security settings that specify particular operations and settings for securing the messages, wherein the particular operations and settings comprises algorithms to be used in signing and encrypting the messages, and wherein the second set is a distinct set from that of the first set; and

applying the second set of security information to the message.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended):

A system comprising:

a processor;

a memory coupled to the processor to store at least a portion of a plurality of datastores;

a first datastore to include a first plurality of sets of security settings related to an application residing in the system, wherein the first plurality of sets define messages that must be secured and wherein the types of messages that must be secured are defined and provided by an application developer;

a second datastore to include a second plurality of sets of security settings, wherein the second plurality of sets specify settings and operations for securing messages, wherein the particular operations and settings comprise algorithms to be used in signing and encrypting the messages and wherein a set of the first plurality of sets is associated with a set of the second plurality of sets; and

a module to select the first set from the first plurality of sets as a function of a property of a received message.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KAVEH ABRISHAMKAR whose telephone number is (571)272-3786. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Korzuch can be reached on 571-272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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